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To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record,
European Patent Publication No. 1 066 804 and European Patent Publication No.

0 870 483 are cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of these European patent documents are enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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